

Amendment "B"

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An ink/toner cartridge compensation system for uneven ink/toner usage, comprising:

a memory device for recording which color has been depleted in a previously installed cartridge such that said previously installed cartridge includes a plurality of colors wherein one of the colors has been depleted;

a [first] subsequent ink/toner cartridge including a plurality of ink/toner colors wherein the subsequent cartridge is inserted into the system;

a printer driver operatively connected to said [first] subsequent cartridge and said memory device;

[a memory device operatively connected to said printer driver for recording ink/toner usage of a previously used cartridge]; and

a display device operatively connected to said printer driver to allow a user to determine which one of the plurality of colors was depleted first in said previously [used] installed cartridge and to compensate for an uneven usage of that color in said [first] subsequent cartridge.

2. (Original) The system, as in Claim 1, wherein said display device is further comprised of:

a first interaction line;

a plurality of color selections;

a second interaction line;

a use history button;

a slider/scale;
an OK button;
a print sample button;
a cancel button; and
a help button.

3. (Original) The system, as in Claim 1, wherein said system is further comprised of:

a print head operatively connected to said printer driver; and
a print mechanism operatively connected to said printer driver.

4. (Amended) A method for ink/toner cartridge compensation, comprising the steps of:

removing a previously installed ink/toner cartridge from a printing system wherein said previously installed cartridge includes a plurality of colors such that one of the colors has been depleted;

storing, in a printer memory, which of the colors was depleted;

inserting a new ink/toner [container/supply] cartridge into [a] said printing system;

allowing a printer driver to recognize said new ink/toner [container] cartridge;

[requesting if said user remembers which color was first depleted in a previously installed cartridge];

allowing said user to determine a cartridge history of said previously installed cartridge;

having said user determine if said user wants to compensate for said ink/toner color that is depleted; and

if said user decides to compensate for said ink/toner color that is depleted, compensating for that color in said new cartridge.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Amended) The method, as in Claim 4, wherein said compensating step is further comprised of the steps of:

compensating for the depleted color;

adjusting a slider;

clicking an OK button;

clicking on a print sample button to print out a sample of said adjusted color; and

determining if said compensated/adjusted color is acceptable.

8. (Original) The method, as in Claim 4, wherein said compensating step is further comprised of the steps of:

clicking a cancel button, if said user desires to cancel said compensating step.

9. (Original) The method, as in Claim 4, wherein said compensating step is further comprised of the steps of:

clicking a help button, if said user needs assistance in completing said compensating step.

10. (Cancelled)

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21. (Cancelled)

22. (Amended) A system for ink/toner cartridge compensation,
comprising:

a memory means for recording which color has been depleted in a
previously installed cartridge such that said previously installed cartridge
includes a plurality of colors wherein one of the colors has been depleted;

a subsequent ink/toner cartridge means having a plurality of ink/toner
colors wherein the subsequent cartridge is inserted into the system;

a printer driver means operatively connected to said subsequent
cartridge and said memory device;

[a memory means operatively connected to the printer driver for
recording ink/toner usage of a previously used cartridge]; and

a means for displaying information operatively connected to said printer
driver to allow a user to determine which one of the plurality of colors was

depleted first or is running low in said previously [used] installed cartridge and to compensate for an uneven usage of that color in said [first] subsequent cartridge.

23. (New) A computer readable medium having instructions for a method for ink/toner cartridge compensation, comprising the steps of:

removing a previously installed ink/toner cartridge from a printing system wherein said previously installed cartridge includes a plurality of colors such that one of the colors has been depleted;

storing, in a printer memory, which of the colors was depleted;

inserting a new ink/toner cartridge into said printing system;

allowing a printer driver to recognize said new ink/toner cartridge;

allowing said user to determine a cartridge history of said previously installed cartridge;

having said user determine if said user wants to compensate for said ink/toner color that is depleted; and

if said user decides to compensate for said ink/toner color that is depleted, compensating for that color in said new cartridge.

24. (New) The medium, as in Claim 23, wherein said compensating step is further comprised of the steps of:

compensating for the depleted color;

adjusting a slider;

clicking an OK button;

clicking on a print sample button to print out a sample of said adjusted color; and

determining if said compensated/adjusted color is acceptable.

25. (New) The medium, as in Claim 23, wherein said compensating step is further comprised of the steps of:

clicking a cancel button, if said user desires to cancel said compensating step.

26. (New) The medium, as in Claim 23, wherein said compensating step is further comprised of the steps of:

clicking a help button, if said user needs assistance in completing said compensating step.